

1. (Amended) A nonwoven web made from fibers, said nonwoven web defining first areas having a first basis weight and second areas having a second basis weight being located on said nonwoven web according to a predetermined pattern, said first basis weight being at least 1.5 times greater than said second basis weight, said second areas being configured to pass liquids contacting said areas, said first areas comprising from about 25% to about 75% of said nonwoven web.

5. (Amended) A nonwoven web as defined in claim 3, wherein said first areas surround said second areas, said second areas forming [discreet] discrete shapes.

9. (Amended) A nonwoven web as defined in claim [8] 1, wherein said first basis weight and said second basis weight are from about 0.2 ounces per square yard to about 9 ounces per square yard.

48. (Amended) A laminate as defined in claim 35, wherein said first areas of said nonwoven web surround said second areas, said second areas forming [discreet] discrete shapes.

#### REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

As stated in the Office Action, a Restriction Requirement was placed on the pending claims. Applicants provisionally elected to prosecute the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-16 and 27-48. Affirmation of the provisional election is hereby made. Claims 17-26 have thus been canceled as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Further, as indicated above, Applicants have also corrected an inadvertent grammatical error in the specification and claims. Specifically, Applicants have